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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BASYE.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 161.700, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Holocaust and genocide education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 161.700, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.700, to read as follows:

161.700. 1. This section shall be known as the "Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission Act".

2. There is hereby created a permanent state commission known as the "Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission". The commission shall be housed in the department of elementary and secondary education and shall ~~[promote implementation of holocaust]~~ **implement Holocaust** education and awareness programs in Missouri ~~[in order]~~ to ~~[encourage understanding of]~~ **educate students enrolled in or attending public schools about the [holocaust] Holocaust** and discourage bigotry.

3. The commission shall be composed of twelve members to be appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate. The makeup of the commission shall be:

- (1) The commissioner of higher education;
- (2) The commissioner of elementary and secondary education;
- (3) The president of the University of Missouri system; and
- (4) Nine members of the public, representative of the diverse religious and ethnic heritage groups populating Missouri.

4. The ~~[holocaust]~~ **Holocaust** education and awareness commission may receive such funds as appropriated from public moneys or contributed to it by private sources. ~~[#]~~ **The**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~[thus]~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **commission** may sponsor programs or publications to educate the public about the crimes of
19 genocide in an effort to deter indifference to crimes against humanity and human suffering
20 wherever they occur.

21 5. The term "~~[holocaust]~~ **Holocaust**" shall be defined as the period from 1933 through
22 1945 when six million Jews and millions of others were murdered **and exterminated** by Nazi
23 Germany and its collaborators as part of a structured, state-sanctioned program of genocide.

24 6. The commission may employ an executive director and such other persons to carry
25 out its functions.

26 7. (1) **The general assembly hereby declares that it is the public policy of this**
27 **state to reaffirm the commitment of free peoples from all nations to never again permit**
28 **the occurrence of another Holocaust, to recognize that crimes of genocide continue to be**
29 **perpetrated across the globe as such crimes have been perpetrated in the past, and to**
30 **deter indifference to crimes against humanity and human suffering wherever they may**
31 **occur. To accomplish such goals and to educate students about the Holocaust and the**
32 **universal lesson that national, ethnic, racial, or religious hatred can overtake any nation**
33 **or society and lead to calamitous consequences, and to reinforce such lesson, a**
34 **curriculum for studying the Holocaust and other acts of genocide shall be developed and**
35 **adopted as provided in this section.**

36 (2) **The commission shall develop instructional materials for studying the**
37 **Holocaust and other acts of genocide as described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.**
38 **The commission shall submit such instructional materials to the department of**
39 **elementary and secondary education before January 1, 2023.**

40 (3) **Based on the instructional materials provided under subdivision (2) of this**
41 **subsection, the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a**
42 **curriculum containing at least one unit of instruction studying the Holocaust. Such**
43 **curriculum shall also contain at least one additional unit of instruction studying other**
44 **acts of genocide including, but not limited to, the Armenian Genocide, the genocide**
45 **famine of Ukraine, and the more recent atrocities in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and**
46 **Sudan. The department shall make such curriculum available to school districts**
47 **beginning in the 2023-24 school year.**

48 (4) **Each school district shall adopt the curriculum provided by the department**
49 **of elementary and secondary education under subdivision (3) of this subsection or a**
50 **substantially similar curriculum beginning in the 2023-24 school year. Each school**
51 **district shall determine the minimum amount of instruction time that qualifies as a unit**
52 **of instruction satisfying the requirements of this subsection.**